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Theft At Mat-Su College

Computers stolen from IBM lab

by Dessa Dickerson

Four Micron Millenia CPUs and a Hewlett Packard HP Laserjet were stolen from Mat-Su College's computer lab sometime between January 10 and January 13. 1997. The theft was discovered by Carl Hereford, Network Administrator, when he opened the lab Monday morning for the start of the new semester.

The Micron computers were the newest addition to Mat-Su and were located in the popular IBM lab located in JKB 15. The computers had been upgraded and were the only ones available to students with Windows '95 and Microsoft Office. The computers had a Pentium chip, 166mhz, 16 MB ram, 1.3 GB hard drive, an eight speed CD ROM, a Diamond Stealth 2000 3D video Card, a sound card on the motherboard and a 3 com 3c509b Network Interface Card. The stolen equipment is valued at approximately $12,000.00.

The thieves apparently entered the lab through a back door and cut all cables except CPU power cords, leaving the mouses, monitor, and keyboards behind. According to Hereford, since the thieves only removed the CPUs, and only took the upgraded computers, it can be assumed that they had knowledge of the lab and knew exactly what they were after. It appears that they were in an out quickly.

Carl apologizes for any inconvenience to students, adding that some of the old computers will be upgraded as soon as possible to accommodate students in need of those programs.

It is possible that the thieves will try to sell the computers, or break them down and sell the parts. If anyone has any information, please contact the State Troopers or Mat-Su College at 745-9750 or 745-9723.

Update on Proposition 209

from Julio Rosa @ United States Student Association. http:\\www.essential.org\ussa

On Monday, December 23, 1996, Judge Thelton Henderson issued a preliminary injunction blocking implementation of California's anti-affirmative action ballot initiative. On December 6, Judge Henderson issued a temporary restraining order (TRO), which put an immediate, although temporary, hold on the implementation of the inititative. Now, with the issuance of the preliminary injunction all state and local entities will be barred from enforcing Prop. 209.

With the injunction in place, race and gender-counscious affirmative action programs can continue. State and local agencies may also modify existing programs to enhance further the goals of affirmative action or may create new programs.

As long as Henderson's order is not overturned, the preliminary injunction will

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From the Desk of Joseph Emmons Director, Mat-Su College

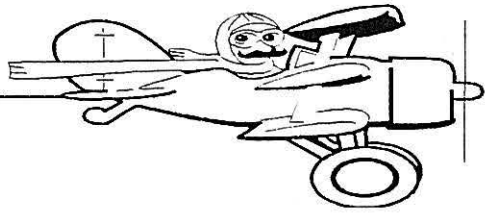
Welcome to both our new and returning students. What a surprise to have the beginning of the spring semester accompanied by a spring-like break in the winter weather. I hope that your experiences this semester will exceed your expectations. For those of you who will be graduating this year, it is time to see a counselor to fill out your application for graduation.

We are already working on the schedule for next fall's classes. Once again, we will have a draft copy of the schedule available for student comment. We plan to have an early registration for next fall semester this March 27 and 28. Also, for those of you that are interested, we are going to have a two-session summer school. The summer schedule will be out at the same time as the fall schedule, so you will be able to use it in your academic planning.

Take full advantage of the offerings and activities available to you. The college's faculty and staff will help you achieve your educational goals, but you are the most important ingredient in your success.

Hey, look, it's a little bitty space that nothing would fit into. If you're reading this you have *really* good eyes!

On the inside: Welfare reform, Computer SPAM, Art scene, Jokes, Out There, Letters to the Editor, and much more! >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

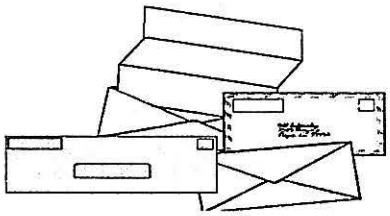


From the Editor

Hip hip hooray! Yippee! I finally got someone's attention! Some of you may remember that in the last issue (Dec. 8, 1996) I asked some questions about issues that I was curious about.

Some of those questions were not well received, but, hey, people noticed and some even responded - in writing! For those of you who were incensed by my editorial, be assured that there was no malice intended for anyone specifically. My only intentions were to get a response and to raise some questions in people's minds, which, by the way, is the purpose of an editorial. I apologize to anyone who may have felt they were being singled out.

I appreciate the responses and gladly printed every one I received. I hope that my readers out there continue to show an interest in the student newspaper. For those of you who had strong opinions but failed to voice them *in writing*, I challenge you to share them in the future.



As a final note, I would like to invite and encourage ALL the students at Mat-Su College to use this forum as their own special place to speak up, yell out, complain, challenge, show appreciation, question, or just stick their foot in their mouth. I look forward to hearing from you!

Amy Menerey, Editor, MSC Monitor

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to some of the questions you asked in the Message from the Editor column of the December 8 issue.

1. The bridge between the Machetanz and Snodgrass Hall is scheduled to be completed in time for the next semester; at least that is the word from UAA's Facilities Planning and Construction office. They are in control of the project - not the Mat-Su College.

2. Yes, as a matter of fact, people do go to Snodgrass Hall. With the opening of FSM we do not have the space crunch we once had, however, Snodgrass Hall is still used and is very busy in the evening hours.

3. Is Gretchen playing solitaire? I take offense to this question. If you must know, Gretchen is very busy whether she is sitting alone or there are students in the building. She is the department secretary for four full-time faculty members, assists the Director's Office on a number of projects, and does secretarial work for the Business Office as well. She is a highly professional and self-motivated worker who takes her job very seriously. I believe she deserves an apology for the statement you made in print.

4. The reason you fill out those darn evaluations every semester is because, so far, this is the most effective tool we have to let instructors know how they are doing. Most take pride in their work and want to know where their strengths and weaknesses are. Hopefully, if necessary, they will take corrective action to improve their teaching skills for the future.

I do not know if people read them in the library or not, but the Director and the department coordinators certainly do. This is valuable information, particularly for first-time instructors, and we hope that students will take them seriously by giving us honest feedback - whether it is positive or negative. In the future, if you have questions of this nature (and you really want honest answers), please feel free to stop by the Director's Office and we will gladly answer them. That way, no one will needlessly be offended in print.

Sincerely,
Bette Belanger, Executive Secretary
MSC Director's Office

Editor:

In the December 1996 issue you insinuated that Student Government was spending money and approving it after the fact. I am writing this letter to inform your readers that you are/were misinformed.

I believe that this comment came from the last Student Government meeting before publication. Council was discussing the Christmas Poinsettia Sale. This item of business had been approved by myself , the chairman of the Activities committee, and by the Director. The sale was presented to Council to be approved by all members. This action took place two weeks late, due to weather conditions that cancelled a meeting. Furthermore, there was NO money allocated or spent on

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The Monitor welcomes guest columnists and letters to the editor. Submissions will be printed according to space available, and must include name and phone number for verification. These can be placed in the Blue Box outside the MSC Monitor office, room 109, or mailed to the MSC Monitor P.O. Box 2889, Palmer, AK 99645. The editor reserves the right to edit for length, clarity, grammar, spelling and libel.

MSC Media Board

Student members are still needed!!!

The Media Board needs student members. The purpose of the Media Board is to oversee the operation of the student newspaper's operating budget, and to ensure the goal of providing the students of Mat-Su College with a student forum. For more information contact Dessa Dickerson @ 376-7198, or Barb Mishler @ 745-9734. Watch for meeting dates and times to be posted, interested parties welcome!

this fund raiser, which RAISED over $250.00.

Additionally, Student Government spending is very controlled. We must follow certain procedures as dictated by policy. For example, Student Government wants to purchase a new printer. The first step is to price the item, getting a general idea of what the item will cost. Then the item is placed on the agenda under "New Business." The purchase is discussed and an amount of money is allocated (designated) for the purchase. The secretary then prepares a purchase request (PR). The PR then is sent to the Business Office, along with a copy of the minutes of the meeting that approved the purchase. The Business Office then (1) purchases the item and charges it to our account, or (2) prepares a "purchase order (PO)" for the item in question. All spending needs to be approved by Council, and all PR's require the signatures of two people, the President or Vice President, and the Treasurer. So, as you can see, the reference of the editor to this "spending first. . . approving later" is incorrect . Next time, I would suggest that the editor arrive on time to scheduled Student Government meetings.

Sincerely,
Grace K. Wilson-Laudun, President
Matanuska-Susitna College
Student Government

Editor:

In the December 8 issue of the paper you asked "why do we do those darn teacher evaluations every semester?"

I just wanted you to know that they are used quite often by students deciding who to take for what classes. Also, because of the evaluation that was done on one instructor, that was not up to Mat-Su's standards, that instructor is not teaching here any longer. So, you see, they are worth the hassle.

Korry, MSC Librarian Assistant

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wacky world of computers

What is SPAM?

By D.J. Friedline

Immediately one's mind recognizes that wonderful word and brings up a mental picture of a small blue can, with large yellow letters depicting the contents: that wonderful "ham" that seemed to become a household name and became the prime staple in American meals. That's right, the one and only "mystery meat" sealed in a can that never required to be refrigerated that was developed in the mid 1920s.

But this is not the type of spam I am referring to. Spam is most commonly found on the internet in the form of commercial advertisements. These advertisements flood your account with so many copies of the same message that your account seems almost willing to explode with the tremendous amount of useless information.

There are two major types of internet spam; Usernet spam, and E-mail spam. Usernet spam is usually described as a single message sent to more than 20 Usernet newsgroups. This Usernet spam is targeted at those individuals that tend only to read the newsgroups. These individuals tend not leave their addresses for fear of future potential commercial advertisements, or in other words - spam. The second major account of spam on the internet is that received through your E-mail. Typically the E-mail address is acquired through scanning of Usernet postings, stealing Internet mailing lists, or even searching the Web for addresses. Not only is this annoying, but it also costs the individual money. Most of the cost of transmitting the useless information, or spam, is paid for by the recipient or carriers, rather than by the sender. The recipient is paying for spam, because the costs are transmitted directly to the subscribers.

In today's world many questions arise: Isn't blocking spam censorship? Isn't spam protected by national Free Speech laws? Finally, and maybe most importantly: Is spam legal? Our court systems must decide how they wish to handle this new era of technology and how the laws govern them. As for now, spam at your own risk, for someday it might come back to haunt you.

<----------The information went data way---------->

My software never has bugs. It just develops random features.
Computers are not intelligent. They only think they are.
C:\WINDOWS C:\WINDOWS\GO C:\PC\CRAWL C:\DOS C:\DOS\RUN RUN\DOS\RUN
COFFEE.EXE Missing - Insert Cup and Press Any Key.
Cannot find REALITY.SYS. Universe halted.
Why doesn't DOS ever say "EXCELLENT command or filename!"
SENILE.COM found....Out of Memory.....
ASCII stupid question, get a stupid ANSI
Press any key to continue or any other key to quit....
*from the internet, gemini@sover.net

Now Accepting Applications for Editor, MSC Monitor

The MSC Monitor is now accepting applications for the position of Editor for the '97-'98 year. Applicants should have previous newspaper experience, be a journalism major, or have a sincere interest in journalism. Lots of patience and dedication a MUST! Applications are available outside the MSC Monitor Office, please deposit in Blue Box.

WELFARE REFORM: SOME OF THE MOST ASKED QUESTIONS

by Grace K. Wilson-Laudun

As president of MSC's Student Government I have been approached so many times about this subject that I have lost count. Many of the students here at MSC are receiving some form of public assistance, so I decided to find out the real facts. I interviewed a supervisor at the Division of Health and Human Services in Wasilla. Here are some answers:

Q. How will welfare reform affect me?
A. That depends on your individual circumstances. Most people will not be affected as dramatically as is currently thought.
Q. What should I expect?
A. You can expect some new requirements including work requirements that will be put into place beginning in July 1997. A single-parent household will be required to work for pay or volunteer, at least 20 hours per week. A two-parent household will be required to work at least 35 hours per week. The "Shelter Allowance" will go into effect on February 1, 1997. This is the amount of money you spend on housing, utilities, and other allowable costs. If your costs exceed an amount that has been determined by the department based on family size, your benefits will not be reduced. But if your shelter costs are below this amount, your benefits will be reduced by this amount. But don't panic! The shelter allowance for a family of two is $94. This amount will increase in July 1997 to $188, and again in January 1998 to $282. Currently a family of eight (8) must exceed $164 on shelter costs, with increases by January 1998 to $492.
Q. What about my education?
A. Most people will be able to continue their education on schedule. The main problem with this area is the newly imposed time limits. Which leads us to the next question.
Q. What about the new time limits?
A. The time limit that has been imposed is five (5) years. This is the maximum amount of time that a person is eligible to receive benefits. It was rumored that you could only receive benefits for two years, but that is not entirely true. If all requirements are met, benefits can continue. It was also rumored that benefits received by the family would count against the minor child after he/she becomes an adult. This is not true.

Change is scary. Welfare reform is no different. The best advice for those affected by these changes is DON'T PANIC!!!!! Talk to your caseworker or counselor.

Meetings

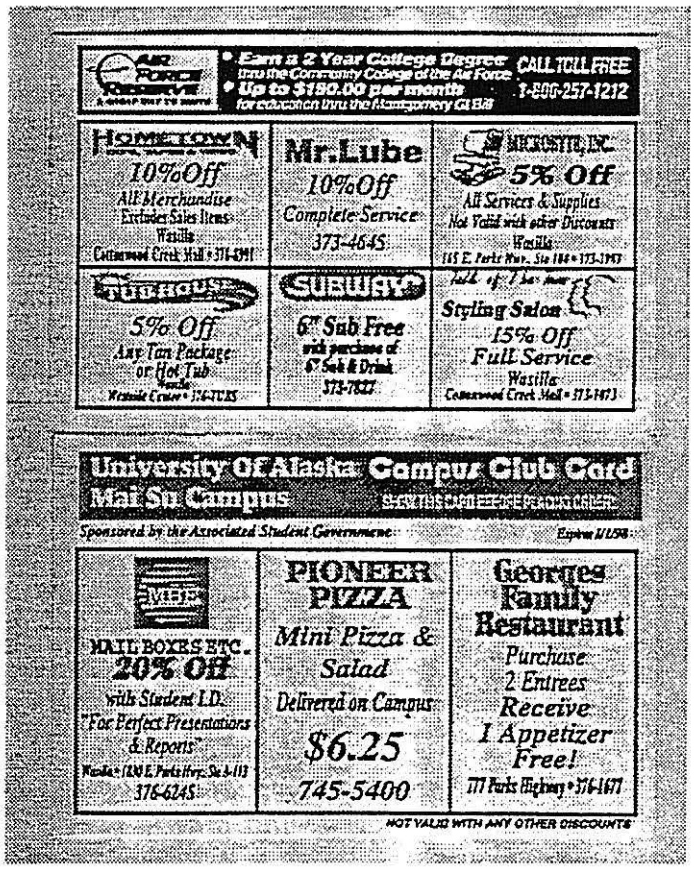
The next student government meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22 @ 12:00 p.m. in JKB 108. Contact Michelle McGehee, Student Government Secretary, for more information.

Student Government News

Students Get Discounts!

By Grace Wilson-Laudun

The Matanuska-Susitna College Student Government presents the "Campus Club Card." This card entitles the bearer, with proper student I.D., discounts at local businesses. It is completely reusable and is valid through January 1998.



The company that made the card refused to correct some mistakes, such as "Mai Su Campus." I can assure you that we will not use this company again. Next year, I would like to see this card produced by us. Anyone interested in participating should stop by the Student Government office, located in the cafeteria. Do you, or a friend, have a business that could be included on next year's card? Let us know!

We would like to thank the Valley businesses that supported us, and hope that they will help us again next year.

Joke of the Month
Why?*

Here are some facts of life that sometimes you just have to ask—why? Some people call them Gallagherisms (the comedian commonly uses them in his stand-up). Most of this list was attained via e-mail from people all over the world. Enjoy!

Why do you need a driver's license to buy liquor when you can't drink and drive?
Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?
Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?
Why are there flotation devices under plane seats instead of parachutes?
Why ask why?
Why are cigarettes sold in gas stations when smoking is prohibited there?
Why do fat chances and slim chance mean the same thing?
Do you need a silencer if you are going to shoot a mime?
Have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical situations?
How does the guy who drives the snowplow get to work in the mornings?
If 7-11 is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the doors?
If a cow laughed, would milk come out her nose?
If nothing ever sticks to TEFLON, how do they make TEFLON stick to the pan?
If you tied buttered toast to the back of a cat and dropped it from a height, what would happen?
If you're in a vehicle going the speed of light, what happens when you turn on the headlights?
You know how most packages say " open here". What is the protocol if the package says, "Open somewhere else"?
Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up ATM?
Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?
Why isn't "palindrome" spelled the same way backwards?
Why is it that when you transport something by car, it's called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship, its called cargo?
You know that little indestructible black box that is used on planes, why can't they make the whole plane out of the same substance?
Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?
If you have your finger touching the rearview mirror that says—"objects in mirror are closer than they appear", how can that be possible?
Why is it so hard to remember how to spell MNEMONIC?
If someone invented instant water, what would they mix it with?
Why is it called a TV "set" when you only get one?
Why does your nose run and your feet smell?
Why does an alarm clock "go off" when it begins ringing?
IF pro is the opposite of con, is progress the opposite of congress?
Why does "cleave" mean both split apart and stick together?
Why is it, whether you sit up or sit down, the result is the same?
Why is it called a "building" when it is already built?
Why do they call them "apartments" when they are all stuck together?
Why is there an expiration date on SOUR cream?
IF you keep trying to prove Murphy's Law, will something keep going wrong?
Why does flammable and inflammable mean the same thing?

*from the internet, gemini@sover.net

Popular Sayings*

Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.
Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder....
3 kinds of people: those who can count and those who can't.
Sign on baby's bib: SPIT HAPPENS
Why is "abbreviations" such a long word?
Don't use a big word where a diminutive one will suffice.
A flying saucer results when a nudist spills his coffee.
For people who like peace and quiet: a phoneless cord.
I can see clearly now, the brain is gone....
The beating will continue until morale improves.
I used up all my sick days, so I am calling in dead.
Mental Floss prevents Moral Decay.
Madness takes its toll. Please have exact change.
Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.
There cannot be a crisis today; my schedule is already full.
I'd explain it to you, but your brain would explode.
Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
A conclusion is simply the place where you got tired of thinking.
I don't have a solution but I admire the problem.
Don't be so open-mined your brains fall out.
If at first you DO succeed, try not to look astonished!!!
Diplomacy is the art of saying "Nice doggie!" ...till you can find a rock
Diplomacy - the art of letting someone have your way.
If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest have to drown too?
If things get any worse, I'll have to ask you to stop helping me.
If I want your opinion, I'll ask you to fill out the necessary forms.
Don't look back, they might be gaining on you.
It's not hard to meet expenses, they're everywhere.
Help Wanted: Telepath. You know where to apply.
Look out for #1. Don't step on #2 either.
Budget: A method for going broke methodically.
Car service: If it ain't broke, we'll break it.
Shin: A device for finding furniture in the dark.
Do witches run spell checkers?
Demons are Ghouls best Friend.
Copywight 1994 Elmer Fudd. All wights weserved.
Dain Bramaged.
Department of Redundancy Department.
Headline: Bear takes over Disneyland in Pooh D'Etat!
What has four legs and an arm? A happy pit bull
2 + 2 = 5 for extremely large values of 2.

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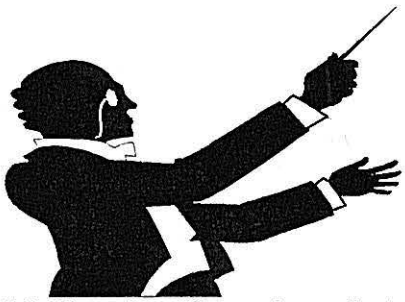
What's Up? Local Arts & Entertainment

Anchorage Concert Association

Jan. 31 - Feb. 1, *Martha Graham Dance Company*.
Feb. 4 - Feb. 9, *Sound of Music*.
Feb. 23, *Gil Shaham*, violin.



Valley Performing Arts

Jan. 17 - Feb. 2
Crimes of the Heart, by Beth Henley, directed by Will Kitsos.
Feb. 21 - March 9
Holiday, by Philip Barry, directed by Grant Olson.

Anchorage Opera
Alaska Center for the Performing Arts

Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 4, 6, 8
***Faust*, by Charles Francois Gounod: If the Devil promises a second chance at being young and in love, what's a fella to do?**

Music

Vagabond Blues-

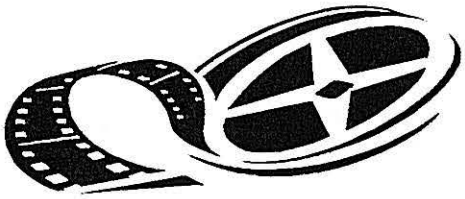
Jan. 24, 8:00 p.m., *Bill Tull Quintet*, classic jazz. No cover.
Jan. 25, 8:00 p.m., *Shari Lacy*, pianist/vocalist. No cover.
Jan. 31, 8:00 p.m., *Anchora Ge Okan*, african/carribean percussion. $5.00 cover.
Feb. 1, 8:00 p.m., *AK Klezmer Band*, Jewish/Yiddish folk. $5.00 cover.

***Wasilla Bar*-** Tues. - Sat., *Chaser*; Sun. & Mon., Karaoke.

Dead Dog Saloon - Wed. - Sat., D.J. dance music, new dance floor and lights.

Klondike Mike's - Thurs. - Sat. *Texas Lightening*

Mug Shot Saloon- Fri. & Sat., *Long Riders*



Mat-Su Cinema

$6.00 Adult $4.00 Children,seniors
Now Playing:
The Relic - R
Michael - PG
Metro - R

ART AT MSC

-Tuesday life-drawing sessions continue, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in Machetanz 212. Also, an evening session is being explored. If interested please contact Vickie @ 745-9742. Sponsored by the Art Club.
- For information about the Mat-Su Art Club contact Carolyn Long @ 892-8816.
- One credit workshops coming up:

Matting Your Art - Mon. & Thurs., 9-3, Feb. 10, 13, 17, & 20.
Blacksmithing - April 18, 19, 25, 26, May 2, & 3.
In May - *Rustic Twig* (Bentwood Furniture)

Art Shows
Mat-Su College

Mat-Su College, Atrium Gallery

The spring 1997 Art Show Series will begin with next month's show by Kodiak artist Mary Jane Longrich. The work will feature jewelry made of silver and antique beads. Watch for details in future issues of the Monitor. Other artists who will be featured in upcoming shows are Hallie Truelove of Wasilla, whose unique photographs will be featured, drawings by Bea Adler and Jacqueline Madsen, a wood carver. The Annual Juried Student Art Show will wind up the season with an April exhibition.

2nd Annual Alaska Juried EGGS-ibition, 1997 Theme: *What's Bugging You?* Entries must be made from BUGS or relate to BUGS. Entries due March 3, 1997. Juror Richard Benson: Assistant Professor of Art, UAA. Show dates March 17 thru April 4.

UAA Campus Center Gallery

Go Figure - Jan. 16 thru Jan. 30.
2D Invitational - Feb. 6 thru Feb. 20.
3D Invitational - Feb. 27 thru March 20.
Biology Revisited - March 27 thru April 10.
1997 Juried Student Art Show - March 17 thru May 1.

Machine Woodworking
New Section!!!
Four positions open

Due to excess demand another section has opened for Machine Woodworking on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. (VS 152, Sec. 106) Sign up NOW!

UAA Department of Theatre and Dance
proudly sponsors
The 1997 Alaska Native Plays Contest

A contest for plays about Native American characters, themes or events. First prize $500, Second prize $200, Third prize $100. For more information please write or call: Alaska Native Plays Contest, University of Alaska Anchorage, Department of Theatre and Dance, 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99508-8120. Web site address: www.uaa.alaska.edu/theatre Telephone: (907) 786-1792. Deadline for script submission is March 20, 1997.

notices

Student Message Board

There is a student message board located outside the cafeteria. Messages received for students will be posted here, and students may leave messages for other students as well. All messages should be dated. This is not intended to be a place for posting items for sale, etc. The board will be cleared periodically.

Library Hours

Because of budget cuts the library hours are changing. Starting January 13 they are as follows:

Monday	**9 - 9**
Tuesday	**9 - 9**
Wednesday	**9 - 9**
Thursday	**9 - 9**
Friday	**9 - 5**
Saturday	**9 - 1**

National Security Education Program

Scholarship Opportunities for Study Abroad

To be eligible, applicants must be matriculated as undergraduates at a U.S. university, college, or community college. In this merit-based competition, students may apply for study in Summer '97, Fall '97, and/or Spring '98. NSEP awards are available up to a maximum of $8,000 per semester or $16,000 per academic year. For applications contact your NSEP Campus Representative or your institution's Financial Aid Office.

For the name of your Campus Representative call the NSEP toll free at (800) 618-NSEP **Application deadline: Feb. 3, 1997.** Contact: National Security Education Program, Undergraduate Scholarship, Institute of International Education, 1400 K Street NW Washington, DC 20005 Call (800) 618-NSEP or (202)326-7697.

Want a better grade? Need a little extra help?

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) is here to help. What can you find there? Tutors in Math, English and other subjects, Computers with word processing programs, grammar and spell check, and software to help with reviews of English and Math concepts, videos, reference material, a quiet place to study, and monitors for make-up exams; all at no cost to the students! Call Elizabeth Fallon for more information, 745-9733.

LRC Hours:

Monday:
Jeanne 9:00 - 2:00 - Math
Judith 10:30 - 1:00 - English
Rita 1:00 - 4:00 - English
Phillip 2:00 - 4:00 - Math
Lori 4:00 - 6:00 - English
Tuesday:
Rita 9:00 - 2:00 - English
Jeanne 10:30 - 1:30 - Math
Lori 2:00 - 6:00 - English
Matt 1:30 - 3:00 - Math
Wednesday:
Jeanne 9:00 - 1:00 - Math
Judith 10:30 - 1:00 - English
Sally 2:00 - 6:00 - English
Phillip 2:00 - 5:00 - Math
Thursday:
Julie 9:00 - 12:00 - English
Jeanne 10:30 - 1:30 - Math
Matt 1:30 - 4:00 - Math
Sally 3:00 - 6:00 - English
Friday:
Jeanne 10:30 - 3:30 - Math
Julie 12:45 - 4:30 - English
Saturday:
Chuck 10:00 - 2:00 - Math

Accounting Tutoring:

will be available in SGH 103, Wed., 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.; & Sat. in JKB 108, 1:00 - 5:00p.m.

What's Developing?

Plenty, with the MSC Photo Club. The club meets monthly and has open labs weekly in the photo lab across from the library. The club is open to anyone who has successfully completed Beginning Photography. Dues are $15.00 per semester for students, and $25.00 per semester for non-student guest members. Join us in the darkroom!

February schedule is as follows:

January 31 - meeting @ 3:00
February 6 - lab 11:00 - 3:00
February 13 - lab 11:00 - 3:00
February 21 - lab 3:00 - 7:00
February 28 - meeting @ 3:00
February 28 - lab 4:00 - 7:00

Contact Jim Frei, photography instructor and club advisor, or Amy Menerey, MSC Photo Club president @ 745-9759 or 376-7752 for more information.

MSAA offers scholarship

Through a national essay competition known as PROJECT: Learn MS(tm) '97, college freshman, sophomores, and juniors can compete for an $8,000 scholarship award and raise funds to assist those suffering from multiple sclerosis.

Known as the most common neurological disorder of young adults, multiple sclerosis affects as many as 500,000 Americans. Symptoms can include blindness, extreme fatigue, tremors, and varying degrees of paralysis. At present, there is no known cause, cure or prevention for MS. MSAA is a national nonprofit health care agency providing direct patient care programs and services to assist those suffering from MS.

Sponsored by Multiple Sclerosis Association of America, PROJECT: Learn MS(tm) '97 encourages students to write a 500-1000 word essay on multiple sclerosis, its effects on the family, and how society can improve life for the physically challenged.

All essays must include an official registration form, $7.50 in prepaid sponsorship, and must be postmarked by April 11, 1997. Students are encouraged to raise additional sponsor money to win various prizes. For an official registration form, call MSAA at 1-800-LEARN MS.

Need a class that isn't offered?

There are class request forms on the wall in the JKB (near the vending machines) on which to request classes that are not currently offered. Interested parties are encouraged to post a class request or sign existing requests. If enough interest is shown, it is possible the class will be offered.

Poetry Corner

Pretending

by Dancing Feather X

I can pretend your smile doesn't reach me.
That your laugh doesn't touch my heart.
I can pretend that your gaze doesn't touch me,
That your look doesn't wake me with a start.

I can make myself believe,
That you don't mean a thing to me.
But I think that if you asked me, I'd give you my heart,
Give you my heart, give you my heart.
I know that if you asked me, I'd give you my heart.

I can make believe I don't remember your face,
That I don't recall the sound of your voice.
I can make believe you never reached through.
But I'm not good at pretending away truth,
At make believing you don't exist.
Though I may have tried, and wished.
I love you; I love you.

I can feel your eyes upon me,
And your soul is brimming through,
And I don't know what to think--think of you.
But I think that if you asked me,
I'd give you my heart,
Give you my heart, give you my heart.

The passing of time is not a healer,
The pain just lingers on.
Remember now the lonely feelings,
When all your friends are gone.

"Stop the war" we hear them shout,
They have no idea just why we're there.
Words like "baby killer" ring in our ears,
We served our country because we care.

Treat us like dirt, we do not care,
We did our part and we are proud.
Our hands were tied, we had no choice,
Go ahead and protest, but do it real loud.

When judgement day comes, you'll all get your due,
The dead and the crippled come home with relief.
How do you treat them, with boos and with jeers,
We saw you as evil beyond our belief.

The coming of Desert Storm opened your eyes,
The armed forces are useful to stem the red tide,
You made those troops heroes to make up to us,
But that is too late for us who have died.

We try to forget the hell that you gave us,
What you think of us, doesn't matter at all.
We are the remains of a force that was strong,
Most of the rest are engraved on the wall.

Hang up you spite like a coat on a rack,
We thrive on life, those that came back.
Freedom is still with us though the bell has a crack,
We were treated with scorn, The yellow, the white and the black.

Written by Ron Roberson, Vietnam Veteran

Attention!

John Haines, former Alaska Poet Laureate, will be at Mat-Su College February 28th.
Watch the MSC Monitor for more information!!!

SOMEDAY WE'LL DO EVERYTHING BY COMPOTER!!
I'M FORMING A NURTURING BOND WITH MY SON!
hello dad. how are you? i am fine.
I'M FIXING A NUTRITIOUS MEAL FOR MY FAMILY!
suzie... suzie...
I'M LEARNING TO RIDE A BIKE!
wow!! this is so much fun!!
I'M DEVELOPING MY VALUES!
does not compute.
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NO EXIT
©'96 Andy Singer
(CROSS-MARKETING:)
THE NEW COMBINATION
WEATHER/PHONE SEX LINE
HI THERE HANDSOME. FOR YOU, TONIGHT WILL BE HOT AND MOIST WITH A THRUST OF COOL, WET AIR PENETRATING OUR REGION BY TOMORROW OOOH!... AND I'M SOOO EXCITED ABOUT SUNDAY!
SINGER
National Student News Service, 1997

IT APPEARS THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE DIVIDED ON THE ISSUES.
F**K THE POOR
FEED THE POOR
FEED
Sidewalk Bubblegum ©1996 Clay Butler

Proposition 209, cont. from page 1

remain in effect for the duration of the pending litigation (a number of civil rights groups have challenged the consitutionality of Prop. 209). As the lawsuit is likely to take at least a year or two, the issuance of the preliminary injunction is a major victory for students and for the civil rights groups that brought the suit.

However, students should be aware that the State of California plans to appeal Judge Henderson's order. henderson granted the injunction based on the argument that the initiative itself was likely to be found unconstitutional and the enforcing Prop. 209 before a determination was made as to its constitutionality would result in irreparable harm. The State will ask the Federal Ninth Circuit court of Appeals to review Henderson's decision.

The injunction will also have an effect on students at the University of California, even though in July, 1995 the University of California Regents passed a resolution to eliminate the use of religion, sex, race, color, ethnicity and national origin in UC employment, contracting and admissions. The injunctin will slow down the implementation of the UC anti-afirmative action admission policy for undergraduates and will allow UC to continue to administer financial aid, outreach, and other campus-based programs that use race, ethnicity, gender, or national origin as factors in determining eligibility.

The issuance of the injunction against Prop. 209 should discourage other states from trying to establish or implement their own anti-affirmative action proposals. Students everywhere should applaud Judge Henderson's decision in helping to retain access for all to higher education.

Harlan's Run-On Late Excuse

Because of unmanageable mediating factors in my life I have chosen to forfeit control of my environment to God who created me and the environment in which I live thus, keeping a small percentage of serenity for myself, consequently giving up any right to punctuality.

Out There: In Your Community

Community Schools

The new semester for Community schools has also just begun. Community schools offers various short-term classes, open gyms and exercise programs. Sessions are reasonably priced and open to everyone. A few of the classes being offered include: first aid, aerobics, gardening, private pilot ground school, roping skills, wood carving, and organizing the disorganized (which all college students could use!). So check it out, Community schools are offered at Palmer Middle School, Wasilla Middle School, Big Lake School, Sutton School, Willow School, Su Valley High School, Trapper Creek School, and Talkeetna School.

Announcing the Stop Smoking Clinic Freedom from Tobacco Products

If you have the courage to accept that tobacco products are drugs with addicting and lethal power that can claim anyone for its victim, and you desire to stop using tobacoo products yourself, then COME ON DOWN!

Each Saturday beginning January 4th, come join the community in a "Freedom from Nicotine" meeting. We are affiliated with the Nicotine Anonymous groups.

At Vaughn Hall, downstairs in the building to the left of Wasilla Lake Nazarene Church from 10:00-11:00a.m.

The Mat-Su Valley Christian Women's Club

invites you and your friends to beat the January "Blahs". Join us for our

Cabin Fever Fix Buffet Luncheon.

Tuesday - Jan. 21,1997
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
$11.00, at Limani's
Palmer, Alaska

Luncheon and childcare reservations necesary by January 18. RSVP necessary for reservations and cancellations.
Call Phyllis at 745-3049

WHS Hockey Booster Club Gun & Outdoor Show

January 25 & 26, 1997
Saturday - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gun dealers, fishing guides, sporting goods, recreational activities, hunting information, new product lines. Sponsored by the WHS hockey Booster Club. All proceeds from this show go directly into the WHS hockey program.
Wasilla High School - Bogard Road, Wasilla

Schedule of Meetings and Teleconferences Mat-Su Legislative Information Office

phone: 376-3704 fax: 376-6180, 600 East Railroad Ave Wasilla 99654
Here are a list of legislative meetings, open to the public.

If we are included to be on line for a hearing, it will be marked by a double asterisk **
If not, we must email a request to Juneau to be includded. So please telephone if you are intersted in a subject. Everything is always subject to last-minute changes.
Teleconferences:
1/21 & 22 9AM Board of Forestry Meetings
1/22 10AM Wed AHFC - Weatherization
1/31 9AM Fri DNR - Proposed changes in royalty regulations
2/12 & 13 Permanent Fund Corporation - Board of Trustees
2/17 5PM Mon DEC - Spill Prevention/Response Clean-up regulations for contaminated sites**

The Registration Address

by Ron Roberson, originally printed in the Mat-Su Monitor, Nov. 29, 1993

Fourscore and seven hours ago, our instructors brought forth on this campus a new schedule, conceived for variety and dedicated to the proposition that all students are not educated equal.

Now we are engaged in a great registration conflict, testing whether this schedule so conceived and so varied can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of new and returning students. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who hesitated and gave their classes that another student might attend. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—these hallways. The brave students, past and present, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note or long remember what we do here, but we can never forget what they did here.

It is for us, the students, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who learned here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored students we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these students shall not have studied in vain—that this university with the help of God, shall have a new birth of inspiration—and that Student Government of the people, by the people, and in spite of the people shall not perish from this campus.

Where are they now?
MSC Alumni

by Amy Menerey

As part of what I hope will be a regular column, I interviewed Shelia Keyser, 1996 accounting graduate, former senator, student government vice president, and co-conspirator on the newspaper.

A. What have you been doing since you graduated?

S. Well, first I spent some time with my kids and then I spent some serious time deliberating on whether to continue school for a BA, or to go to work. I came to a crossroads in my life. I decided to pursue the job and found one as a secretary/office assistant at Daniel, Hewko, and Schamber, an accounting firm, in Anchorage. So now I'm a commuter.

A. How has your MSC experience contributed to what you are doing now?

S. I'm working with payroll on the job and it's alot easier to walk into a job and do it when you've done the same thing in a class. My job is familiar to me and I can do it in an organized and profession manner. Also, managing several classes and school activities has taught me how to handle several simultaneous tasks at work without freaking out.

A. What advice do you have for current students?

S. Hang in there. Some of your classes may not make sense to you now, but you actually *will* use these skills later. Also, if you're going to be working with numbers at all, take a 10-Key class, you'll need it.

ADS

Anyone needing the textbook for History 341, History of Alaska, Call Kate at 373-5122.

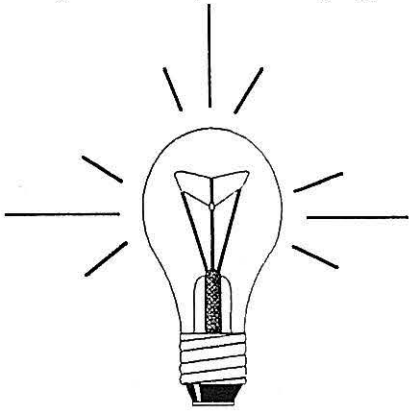
BOOKS FOR SALE
Math 105 - Intermediate Algebra & Study Guide $35.00
Physical Geography 205, 5th Ed. $35.00
English 111 -The Writer's Way, 3rd Ed. $15.00, Writing Exploratory Essays $15.00
English 213 - The Writer's Community $15.00
English 213 - The Bedford Guide to the Research Process, 2nd Ed. $20.00
A Guide to MLA, 3rd Ed. $5.00
English 105 - Grassroots, 5th Ed. $15.00
Anthropology 200 - Native People of Alaska $5.00, Eskimo Essays $10.00
Geology 111 - Physical Geology & Study Art Book $35.00
CALL 376-2302, Shirley or Shannon

FREE ADS!!!

Students, staff and faculty of MSC are invited to place FREE ads in the MSC Monitor! Just leave your ad in the Blue Box outside the Monitor Office, located in JKB 109.

Hot New Art Show

The Decker/Morris Gallery, an Anchorage **outlet**, will **shed some light** on the art scene beginning Friday, February 7, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., with the opening of ***Positive Light***. *Positive Light* is an exhibition featuring artwork which incorporates **light sources** (excuse the **plug**).



A **series** of **loosely-wired** Alaska artists will **socket** to 'em in the exhibition which will be installed in a darkened gallery. **How many artists does it take to screw in a light bulb?** Twelve, including: Kim Brown, Jim Dault, Don Decker, Julie Decker, Paul Gardinier, Andy Kirsch, Don Mohr, Jeff Patrick, Fran Reed, Kara Thrasher, Sheila Wyne and Lowell Zercher.

The show, while **illuminating**, will **cast a shadow** of doubt upon traditional ideas alternating between the **Dark Ages** and the **Age of Enlightenment** and asks the age-old question "**Watt** is art?" (Now that's a **switch**.)

Don't be **left in the dark**. Get **wired**. This show will **turn on** the **City of Lights**.

For more information, call Don or Julie Decker at 272-1489.

Test Taking Strategies: Part One

by Ingrid Ling

Taking tests in college can be very difficult, as well as stressful. Many college students often find that no matter how long they study they are unable to complete their test. When they reach that point of brain exhaustion, students often find themselves guessing at test answers. Dr. Claude W. Olney has found a test-taking stratgey called "Educated Guessing" which makes it possible to increase the chances of guessing correctly. The following guessing techniques are from Olney's book, *Where there's a will there's an "A".*

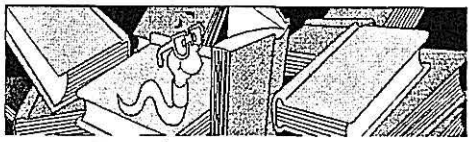
Even with all your practicing, you will still encounter questions(on the test) for which you simply don't know the answer. When this happens, don't panic. Use the following tips to increase your odds when guessing.

Remember to eliminate the choices in the question that you know are incorrect, then apply these methods.

1. Multiple choice. When two out of four choices are opposites, pick one of those two as the best guess.
2. B, C, and D answers are the best in five answer multiple choice questions.
3. Avoid pairs. If Question 28 is known to be B, avoid guessing B in 27 or 29.
4. Non-answers ("Zero," 'None of the above") are usually poor guesses.
5. In questions asking for the most or the least, pick the answer next to the most or the least. (Most: 5 8 9 15 30)
6. "All of the above" is generally a good guess.
7. Longest multiple choice answers are good guesses.
8. If two out of four choices are almost identical, pick the longer of the two.
9. If a few questions have five possible choices instead of four, pick number five.
10. If a question asks for a plural (or singular) answer, make sure you pick the plural (or singular).
11. When limiting words are used (all, never, always, must, etc.) "false" is usually the better answer.
12. When general terms are used (most, some, usually, could, might, etc.) "true' is usually the better answer.
13. Exaggerated or complex answers are usually "false".
14. Answer every question, even with a best guess as you go. Identify those you're not sure of with a mark.
15. "Fill-in-the-blank" exams. Never leave a question blank. Give it your best guess. You might guess correctly. And even if you don't, you might get partial credit just for coming close.

Important Dates

January 27 - UAA May Graduation Application Deadline
January 27 - Add/Drop Deadline
January 27 - Audit-to-Credit Deadline
February 14 - Application for Degree Due
March 10-15 SPRING BREAK (YAY!)
March 14-15 - Campus Closed
March 14 - Directed/Independent Study Deadline
March 27-28 - Early Fall '97 Registration
April 15 - Withdrawal Deadline
April 15 - Credit-to-Audit Deadline
April 18 - Summer '97 Registration
April 29 - Total Withdrawal Deadline
May 5 - Last Day of Instruction
May 8 - Grades Due
May 9 - Commencement!!!



Bookstore Hours Spring '97

Jan. 21 - 24
Mon. - Fri., 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 25
Sat., 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
January 27 - end of semester:
Mon. - Thurs., 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
& 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fri., 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Typing Lab!!!

There are four IBM Correcting Selectrics are available for your use in Snodgrass Hall at no cost to students. Bring you own paper and supplies.

Spring '97 Schedule:
Mon. thru Thurs., 8:45 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Fridays. 8:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, call or see Gretchen in Snodgrass Hall, 745-9754.

UAA Cooperative Education Program Benifits

Overview: UAA's Cooperative Education Program helps coordinate students and employers so that students can earn a salary and credit in their declared major. Cooperative Education is an earn while you learn program.

To qualify: the UAA student must be enrolled in an academic program with a declared major and a minimum of a 2.5 GPA.

Student Benefits: The program is designed to assist students in integrating their formal classroom learning with paid, planned. and supervised work experience. Benifits include:

-Practical experience in the student's academic discipline.
-Improves opportunity for post-graduation employment.
-Students frequently are offered permanent employment as a result of their Cooperative Education Program experience.

Employer Benefits:

-Provides cost-effective means of recruiting and training.
-Improves access to and by minority students.
-Employer-University relationships are strengthened.
-Provides cost-effective means of meeting cyclical, project, or short-term needs.
-Large pool of eager, enthusiastic students that have been pre-screened for placement in specific positions.
-Students provide high-quality work performance.
-Campus curricula is influenced by business, industry, and government agency needs.

For further information contact Cooperative Education Program at (907)786-6720. FAX number is (907)786-6723.

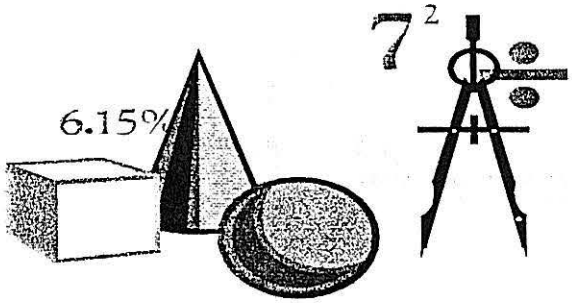
Wanted, Dead or Alive!

At this point I'll take anything! Editor is still looking for writers, reporters, columnists, interviewers, editorialists, **anyone** willing to contribute to the **student newspaper!!!** Come in and make your mark, get your name in print!

The Last Page

MATH TEASER

Provided by the Math Department, Mat-Su College, UAA.



1. In the space provided (----->) write any three digit number. (the first and last digit must differ by more than one).
2. Reverse the order of the three digits and subtract the smaller number (three-digit number) from the larger number (three-digit number).
3. Reverse the digits of your answer in step 2 and add it to the answer in step 2.
4. Multiply by 10^6.
5. Subtract 875,634,796.
6. Under each 0 in your answer, write the letter A.
   Under each 1 in your answer, write the letter E.
   Under each 2 in your answer, write the letter M.
   Under each 3 in your answer, write the letter R.
   Under each 4 in your answer, write the letter S.
   Under each 5 in your answer, write the letter X.
   Under each 6 in your answer, write the letter Y.
   Under each 7 in your answer, write the letter T.
   Under each 8 in your answer, write the letter W.
   Under each 9 in your answer, write the letter Z.
7. Write the message.

Birthday Wishes to:

Barbara Mishler
Joseph Emmons
Gretchen Germer
Jayne Tolman

Doodle Space

Christmas leftovers

Dear Mr. Claus:

I have found it necessary to correspond with you regarding the same Christmas requests I have addressed to you for the past fifteen years. My Christmas wish list letter is coming to you earlier in the season this year in the hope that the added time allowance will provide you ample opportunity to locate my perfect gift. I appreciate the fact that you have been determined not to send me any substitutions, however, life has been unfulfilling without the one thing I want most.

My apology to you if this letter appears repetitive. I need a good Alaskan man in my life; to have and to hold... He will be talented, intelligent, strong, and caring. Mr. Right will enjoy dressing up and going to the theater, ballet, and concerts with me. He will appreciate the importance of allowing me to be myself and be my most devoted fan. This gentleman must be able to absorb affection like a sponge.

The correct man for me will have ambition, a full set of goals and dreams, and a desire to build a life with a lady who plans to be his helpmate and companion for eternity. His age, height, weight, race, creed, or religion is not top on my priority list. A bank account and financial stability would be a favorable feature.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I really have no one else to contact.

With warmest regards,
Mary